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Ms. Sharene Willis
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Office of Petitions
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Attention: Ms. Sharene Willis

RE: US Application entitled *Polymeric Medium for the Retention of Reagent Species For Use in a Hand Held Device For teh Relatively Rapid Detection of the Presence of an Analyte of Interest in a Sample*, to DiCeasare et al.

Dear Ms. Willis:

This confirms our recent telephone conversation that you have searched for our recent petition for communication never received, and were not able to locate the petition, or above-referenced lost patent application.

Enclosed is a complete copy of our file. Please review this case, and proceed with evaluating the petition on the merits.

Should any fee be required in connection with the filing of this petition, as well as the filing of the enclosed patent application, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4516 (St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens).

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Krenicky, Reg. No. 45,411

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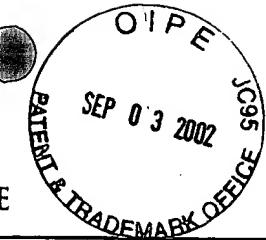
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Title

Polymeric medium for the retention of reagent species for use in a hand-held device for the relatively rapid detection of the presence of an analyte of interest in a sample

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Applicants	Joseph L. DiCesare, et al.
Serial Nos. 09/645,977 & 09/887,703	Filing Date: March 29, 2001
Title of Application:	Polymeric medium for the Retention of Reagent Species for Use in a Hand-Held Device for the Relatively Rapid Detection of the Presence of an Analyte of Interest in a Sample
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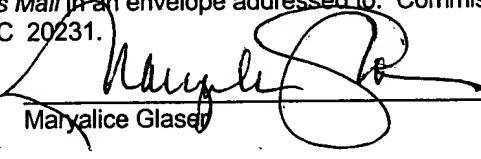
Request to Merge Pending Patent Applications

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to merge the above-captioned Patent Applications into a single file based upon Applicant's understanding that two serial numbers were assigned to a single patent application upon resolution of Applicant's previously filed Petition For Correspondence Never Received dated October 25, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/645,977, be merged into U.S. Application Serial No. 09/887,703, such that only one U.S. Application Serial No. 09/887,703, remains pending and incorporates all of Serial No. 09/645,977 by reference.

Mailing Certificate: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Washington, DC 20231.

August 27, 2002


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On March 29, 2001, the above-referenced patent application was mailed "express mail" to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The file was apparently lost in the mail, or misplaced by the Office.

On October 26, 2001, the Applicant submitted a Petition For Correspondence Never Received dated October 25, 2001.

On or about January 17, 2002, after receiving no response to Petition For Correspondence Never Received, Applicant performed an informal status check as to the pending Petition For Correspondence Never Received. Applicant was informed that the Petition For Correspondence Never Received was not locatable at the USPTO. Applicant was instructed to resend a duplicate copy of the Petition For Correspondence Never Received directly to Ms. Shirene Willis, of the Office of Petitions. Applicant resent a duplicate copy of Petition For Correspondence Never Received on January 17, 2002, with instructions to charge any fees associated therewith to Deposit Account No. 19-4516. (See Exhibit A, letter from Michael Krenicky to Shirene Willis dated January 17, 2002).

On March 7, 2002 Applicant received a first Decision Granting Petition For Correspondence Never Received from Ms. Willis (Exhibit B). That petition also provided the above-referenced In re Application of DiCesare *et al.* with application No. 09/887,703.

On May 10, 2002, Applicant received a second Decision Granting Petition For Correspondence Never Received from Mr. James Engel (Exhibit C). That petition also provided what appears to be the same In re Application of DiCesare *et al.* with application No. 09/645,977.

By comparing Exhibits B and C, Applicant believes that two different Application Serial Nos. were erroneously assigned to the same patent application because both decisions relate to a copy of the original patent application papers showing Express Mail label No. EL 574 209 483 US. This is further evidenced by the fact that the two decisions relate to the same Inventor, having the same filing date, and the same attorney docket number. Applicant suspects that the first filed Petition For Correspondence Never Received resur-

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faced or became locatable at the USPTO only after the first decision, expedited by Ms. Willis was granted.

Exhibit C, instructs Applicant to notify this Office (Petitions) if the original application papers are subsequently discovered in the Office so that the present duplicate file can be merged with the original papers and any duplicate filing refunded. Although the original application has not been located, the present case is similar, and Applicant requests Petitions to merge the above-captioned Patent Applications into a single file based upon Applicant's understanding that two serial numbers were assigned to a single patent application upon resolution of Applicant's previously filed Petition For Correspondence Never Received dated October 25, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/645,977, be merged into U.S. Application Serial No. 09/887,703, such that only one U.S. Application Serial No. 09/887,703 remains pending and incorporates all of Serial No. 09/645,977 by reference.

Duplicate Filing Refund

Exhibit D is a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account dated 3/29/02. This statement indicates that deposit account no. 194516 was charged a \$710.00 filing fee for patent Serial No. 09887703, (Docket No. 3141-P0349A) on 3/8/02. Additionally a \$40.00 assignment fee was charged on 3/8/02.

Exhibit E is a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account dated 5/31/02. This statement indicates that deposit account no. 194516 was charged a \$710.00 filing fee for patent Serial No. 09645977, (Docket No. 3141-P0349A) on 5/2/02. Additionally a \$40.00 assignment fee was charged on 5/2/02.

Applicant respectfully request that its duplicate filing be refunded to St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens' deposit account no. 194516.

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Duplicate Filing Receipts Have Been Received

Exhibit F is a filing receipt issued for Application Serial No. 09/887,703.

Exhibit G is a filing receipt issued for Application Serial No. 09/645,977.

Based upon Applicant's understanding that these filing receipts are for the same patent application, the filing receipts should be merged into one file, preferably 09/887,703.

Assignment of Patent Application

Applicant received an assignment recordation for the above-referenced patent Application bearing Serial No. 09645977 on May 3, 2002 after applicant received first petition grant assigning Serial No. 09887703 (Exhibit B). Applicant immediately informed the Assignment division that the Serial No on reel/frame 12630/0892 was incorrect and corrected the number to 09887703. Merging patent Application Serial No. 09645977 into Serial No. 09887703 would ensure accuracy of the corrected notice of recordation of assignment document mailed by the USPTO on June 5, 2002 (Exhibit H).

Should the Petitions Office have any questions about this request to merge, it is invited to contact Michael Krenicky at (203) 324-6155 at the Law Offices of St. Onge Steward Johnson & Reens.

Respectfully submitted,

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